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FM AMEMBASSY COTONOU

TO AMEMBASSY KINSHASA

AMEMBASSY LAGOS

INFO SECSTATE WASHDC 7057

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EO 11652: NA

TAGS: EINV, DM, NI

SUBJ: INTERCONTINENTAL HOTEL/HOTAFRIC HOTEL PROJECT

1. PLEASE PASS FOLLOWING TO JOSEPH GATT, PANAM REGIONAL DIR FOR DEVELOPMENT AFRICA: AS AGREED DURING AMB'S CONVERSATION WITH GATT, DCM DISCUSSED POSSIBILITY OF NIGERIAN INVESTMENT IN HOTEL PROJECT WITH COUNTERPART IN NIGERIAN EMBASSY, COTONOU. NIGERIAN DCM DOES NOT BELIEVE NIGERIAN GOVT WOULD BE INTERESTED IN PROJECT, BUT THOUGHT SOME PRIVATE MONEY MIGHT BE FOUND IN LAGOS. HE SUGGEST GATT SEE MIN OF TRADE DURING HIS VISIT TO NIGERIA.

2. FOR LAGOS -FYI: GATT WILL BE VISITING LAGOS, 10 APRIL IN CONNECTION WITH INTERCONTINENTAL HOTEL CORP PROJECT IN LAGOS. IHC AND HOTAFRIC (AIR AFRIQUE'S HOTEL DIVISION) HAVE A JOINT PROJECT FOR LUXURY HOTEL IN COTONOU. IHC IS HAVING DIFFICULTY FIND FINANCING FOR THE PROJECT. TWO POTENTIAL EUROPEAN INVESTORS HAVE PULLED OUT. DURING VISIT TO COTONOU AT THE END OF MARCH, GATT EXPRESSED AN INTEREST IN TRYING FIND FINANCING IN NIGERIA.  
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